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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : KLEINMAN  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

In response to an Office communication dated May 18, 2005, Applicants elect the composition species represented by thymosin  $\beta_4$ . Applicants understand that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-8, 11-19, 22-40, 53-61, 133-144, 146-153, 155-162, 164-171 and 173-175.

Respectfully submitted,

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